

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 23, 2020

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show from 9:00 to 10:00 am on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fall is in the Air**

The leaves are not all brown yet but they are starting to change colors and will soon be falling. With the falling leaves comes our annual leaf pickup program. As normal we will have three scheduled weeks of pickup: November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>; November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Leaves must be piled on the street in the parking area near the gutter, keeping the gutter and catch basins clear. Only leaves are allowed, do not bag the leaves. For more information about the leaf pickup program visit the City's webpage.

### **Police Department Officer Interviews**

The department will be conducting interviews for a vacant police officer position on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Once the interviews are completed, successful applicants will move on to an interview with Chief Shepherd and Captain Gagner with hopes of bringing the new officer on board by December.

### **Safe Routes to School & Fillmore Stormwater Outfall Project Update**

#### *This week's accomplishments*

Concrete curb and gutter was poured on Fillmore Avenue between South 4<sup>th</sup> and South 6<sup>th</sup> Streets on Monday. The concrete crew poured driveways on Fillmore the next day and finished the week with pouring some sidewalk and the crosswalk from the new drop off area across the fire/bus lane to the sidewalk next to the building at Lincoln Middle School.

The utility crew pressure tested sections of the sanitary sewer main from Fillmore Avenue north to the railroad tracks on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Water line construction began at Triangle Park and proceeded north to Taylor Avenue.

The road crew dug out soft spots in Fillmore Avenue and placed 12 inches of crushed rock to stabilize the subgrade as well as prepped the road for paving.

Pacific Power set new utility poles on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street so the rerouting of power lines will begin soon.

### Next week's schedule

On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, paving of Fillmore Avenue from South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to South 6<sup>th</sup> Street included the intersections of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Fillmore Avenue will take place. Traffic on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street will be reduced to one lane to allow half of the intersection to be paved. Once the asphalt is cooled, traffic will switch lanes so the other half of the intersection can be paved. Flaggers will be on site. Expect delays and plan accordingly.

Also on Monday, there will be a water line shut down on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street near the railroad tracks. The waterline needs to be raised over the sanitary sewer. This area will be closed to traffic. The shutdown is scheduled to begin at 8:30 am.

The remaining part of the week will see more water line construction from Taylor Avenue north, connecting sanitary sewer services to the new sanitary sewer main, and raising manholes and valve boxes to match the new asphalt. Also more sidewalk is scheduled to be poured on the project.

Reminder: If there are concerns, questions, complaints or need assistance through the construction, please contact Zach Ireland or Ron Bradsby at (541) 942-3349.

### Weekly Update #3 Southmayd Family

We received the completed plans on Thursday and have a commercial superintendent, Bob Buss, of Bridgeway Contracting doing material take-offs. Rivers Edge Engineering is preparing the engineering for the structure. The Wounded Warriors were unable to help do to restrictions associated with repairs and alterations versus new construction, so that was a bit disappointing. We have had two lawyers approach us with offers to help and they are discussing the options with the Southmayds. I now have a commitment from Kevin, with R & H Excavating who will be scarfing the project site, laying down a gravel pad, and compacting it, which I think will start in the next week to 10 days.

I spoke with David Flemings, General Manager of the Clair Company, in regards to the opportunity to use the old structure as a statewide training opportunity, and as we discussed some of the possibilities, he offered to perform the plan review for the County Free of Charge. This should help expedite the project. I have also received some insightful and encouraging news from the Lane County Planning Department indicating that our level or review is low without a lot of requirements.

### Weekly Update # 4 – Southmayd Family

I have secured a stump grinder free of charge from C & E Rentals as well as Dan Sizemore to operate it. Kevin with R & H Contracting is in the process of trying to obtain a big cat to help get the oak tree stumps out. He will then proceed with scarfing the ground out about 18” and bringing in approximately six dump truck loads of quarry rock, in order to bring it up to final grade. Ric Christian of Geomax has agreed to perform a proof-roll/compaction test to provide the

County. Dave's Loam & Topsoil has agreed to the delivery of the rock and provide two of the six loads free of charge, and I'm still waiting on Wildish to see if they can donate the last four loads. I'm hoping we can start the push-out mid next week.

As indicated last week, the plans are complete and engineering should be done today or by Monday, so I have another call into Steve at Lane County. It would be great if we can take the Clair Company up on their offer to provide the building code plan review while the County finalizes the planning approval. The Cottage Grove Sentinel has completed our story, and an electronic version is up on their web-site. I think the printed version will be out next week. Damien did a wonderfully detailed story that is almost 2500 words. He indicated it is about four times the size of their average story.

*Quote of the Week:*

*"Be willing to be a beginner every single morning."*

*~Meister Eckhart~*